

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices
Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates)

Docket No. CP2021-47

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued December 23, 2020)

To clarify the Postal Service's Notice of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates) and Application for Non-Public Treatment, filed December 11, 2020,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following question. The response is due no later than January 5, 2021.

Please refer to the Postal Service's Application for Non-Public Treatment² where the Postal Service avers that it would likely suffer commercial harm if "portions of the rate charts..." were disclosed, including the statement that "competitors would be able to take advantage of the information to offer lower pricing to customers (which can include foreign posts, which are not required to use the Postal Service for delivery of

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), and Application for Non-Public Treatment, December 11, 2020 (Notice).

² Notice, Attachment 1 at 4-5.

parcels destined to the United States)....” Please also refer to the comments filed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers³ where they aver “[t]he rates in the [Universal Postal Union (UPU)] circular are hardly a secret. They are available to anyone, including non-members, who participates in the UPU Councils or Committees [including other private actors who are involved in the UPU].”

Please reconcile these statements, explain the apparent contradiction in the Postal Service’s Application for Non-Public Treatment and the statements in the U.S. Chamber and NAM Comments concerning how these rates are treated at the UPU, and how the Postal Service’s examples of harm would be realized if only the rates at issue were made public (as opposed to the costs, full financial workpapers, or Governors’ Decision No. 19-1). If necessary, please amend the Application for Non-Public Treatment and/or redacted versions of the financial workpapers filed in the instant docket.

By the Chairman.

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³ Comments of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce & National Association of Manufacturers, December 21, 2020, at 3 (U.S. Chamber and NAM Comments).